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WASHINGTON CAN'T TALK PEACE ON BASIS OF TEUTON REPLY TO POPE BENEDICT'S NOTE

POSSE OF SHERIFFS AND CITIZENS UNCOVER LAIR OF DESPERADOES WHO HAVE LOOTED VICINITY OF NEWTOWN

Woop Down on Hiding Place in Woods, But Thieves Get Away as Leader Wields Revolver—Automobiles, Pigs, Chickens, and Stolen Food of Many Varieties Is Found Hidden in Cellar.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Newtown, Sept. 22.—The lair of a band of desperadoes who have recently looted extensively throughout Newtown, Botsford, Sandy Hook and as far as Danbury was uncovered late last night by a posse headed by Sheriff Morris B. Beers of Newtown.

Though outposts were able to inform the main body of the gang in time to escape the cordon of sheriffs who surrounded the rendezvous, search of the premises in the fastnesses of the mountainous country 2½ miles from Hawleyville resulted in the recovery of automobiles, two calves, 12 pigs and 4,100 fowl which had been secreted in a cellar of the house.

As a result of the raid, Fred Boughton and Dan Wildman of Danbury, reputed as vicious characters in various sections of Connecticut, have been declared leaders of the party and fugitives from justice.

An attempt by police officers to secure the person of a man named Bates, in Danbury last night, is said to have resulted in a battle between the police and the man who finally made good his escape to the woods. The chauffeur of the party, though said to be a police officer, has been recognized by Max Kranz, a notorious automobile thief and captain of a similar gang who operated extensively in New York until Kranz was incarcerated in the Elmira reformatory where he served a sentence.

The gang has been living in an unoccupied house belonging to the estate of Michael Lillis, deep in the woods, about five miles from Newtown and 2½ miles from Hawleyville. The section is sparsely settled and persons seldom penetrate as far into the depths as the Lillis house which is only used by summer campers.

Suspicion recently was directed to the movements of cars used by Boughton and Wildman, who rented the house. There were many rough looking characters accompanying them on trips through Newtown at late hours and the cars, which varied in size and color were always filled with covered goods.

After conferences with Captain Bradley of the Danbury police it was decided to raid the place last night. The party consisting of Capt. Bradley, Sheriff Beers and several deputies from various towns, including E. T. Platt of Newtown, stealthily crept upon the lair.

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RACING CYCLISTS WHO INJURED BOY RECEIVE \$35 FINE
A truck toy cart carrying Child and Almost Hit His Parents.

Four motorcyclists, who racing abreast at a speed of about 40 miles an hour last Tuesday night on their return from Ash Creek, caused slight injury to the son of H. J. Marks, a West End resident, and smashed the toy express wagon in which he was riding, were fined \$35 and court costs in the city court this morning by Judge Frank Wilder.

The defendants, Carl Gustafson, 72 Staple street; Albert Swanson, 72 Staple street; Gus Spolin, 32 Butler street, and David Cleason, 33 Butler street, in Brewster street they were spread out the width of the road. Marks pulling his son in the toy wagon, and his wife, were unable to avoid them. They fell running for the sidewalk.

The machine operated by Spolin, struck the little wagon, knocked the boy out and then carried parts of the wrecked cart 400 yards.

SECOND DRAFT WILL EXHAUST NUMBER OF REGISTERED HERE UNLESS ALIENS ARE ACCEPTED

Bridgeport's second draft, based on the announcement that 500,000 men will be taken by the government will not be made from the 26,000 names registered here unless the aliens are taken and every district is exhausted of men who might have gone in a third or fourth draft but for the large number of exemptions and physical disabilities allowed.

This is the view taken by officials in charge of the draft work following a preliminary canvass of the situation. It has been found that 13,647 names, approximately, have been called for examination to obtain Bridgeport's quota of 2,126, which has not fully been certified.

Of this number it is estimated that between 40 and 50 per cent were aliens, subject to draft under the new law pending, but not alien enemies.

Whatever the result of the alien draft law, there will be no district in Bridgeport where the last name will not be drawn for physical examination and in some districts which have an abnormal number of aliens, men will be required from other districts to fill Bridgeport's quota.

Beginning shortly after Oct. 4, when the next 40 per cent, has been sent to the army, the governmental drag net will be drawn tighter.

Draft officials point to the fact that the effect of permitting men to avoid the draft by failure to respond to examinations and by failure to appear as their quotas depart would have such an influence upon future drafts as to make the work of inspection almost impossible. For this reason the

departments are now working upon a plan whereby the police of various cities and towns will temporarily act in conjunction with city officials and secret service men and every denizen in the United States checked up.

Nearly 300 negroes drafted in Bridgeport are a source of concern today to officials who fail to know what disposition is to be made of them by the government. Although examined and awaiting shipment to camps no provision has yet been authorized for their transportation and it is not known whether they will go forward in the 40 per cent allotment or will be held under the 15 per cent contingent. In the meantime their places are filled by alternates, several of whom were so anxious to go forward that they boarded the trains at Bridgeport and reported at Camp Devens, where they were accepted by army officials after much preliminary paper work was accomplished by the board leaders who did not know of their presence on the trains.

Six are known to have made the trip successfully, and immediately stepped into the places of eight men who missed the Bridgeport special at New London. Seven of the eight later reported in camp and were held under guard. One man whose name is now in the hands of the department of justice has not been found.

Letters reaching this city today from William A. Thoden, leader of the Fourth division contingent, and from Thomas Moon, formerly of the Barnum & Bailey circus, announce that Bridgeport's quota is now known as Company H, 304th Infantry, U.S.A.

HOUSE TO PROBE VON BERNSTORFF INTRIGUE PLANS
Try to Determine Where \$50,000 "Influence" Money Went.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Chairman Flood of the house foreign affairs committee, declared today after conferring with Secretary Lansing, that he thought there probably would be a huge investigation of Count von Bernstorff's plans to influence congress by sending \$50,000, as revealed in his despatches to Berlin.

After his conference with Chairman Flood, Secretary Lansing authorized the following statement:

"If there is any misunderstanding I wish to say very emphatically I do not see how the Bernstorff message in any way reflects upon congress or any member. Apparently it was the purpose to employ agencies to influence them, of which they would have no knowledge and in case they were influenced would be entirely innocent. I do not know what the organization was. This expose is a prop of German methods of peace propaganda and there is no intention of casting suspicion on members of congress."

Secretary Lansing sees little that a congressional inquiry could develop, but charges made on the floor yesterday by Representative Heflin of Alabama, that certain members have "acted suspiciously" and "acted suspiciously" and "acted suspiciously" in interviews probably will force an investigation, Mr. Flood said.

After returning to the capitol from the state department, Mr. Flood began conferences with House leaders to learn their views on holding an inquiry. He declared that Secretary Lansing gave him no new details regarding the von Bernstorff message.

London, Sept. 22.—Secretary Lansing's disclosures regarding the requests made by Count von Bernstorff, the former German ambassador to the United States, that the German government sanction the payment of \$50,000 to influence the American Congress called forth comment in several London newspapers this morning. Long news despatches from Washington also are printed under such captions as "Milder Schemes Resisted," "Amazing Spy System," "More German Perfidy," and "Working Up Ireland."

Teutons Gain on Wide Russ Front

Berlin, Sept. 22, via London.—Jacobson, on the Drina has been captured by the German forces on the Russian front together with positions on a front of 25 miles and six miles deep on the west bank of the river, army headquarters announced today.

GIANT AIRPLANE CARRIES NINE ON EXTENDED FLIGHT

Flies From Newport News to Washington in Less Than 2 Hours.

Newport News, Va., Sept. 22.—The big Caproni airplane, driven by Silvio Resnati, with nine passengers, left Langley aviation field at 9:15 a. m. for Washington, and it is expected will arrive by 11:15 a. m.

Secretary Franklin Lane did not make the trip. The plane, car with two Italian aviators left at 9:30 a. m. and expected to make the trip in one hour and ten minutes. The third car to leave, the "Comolito" left at 9:45 a. m., with an Italian pilot and Franklin K. Lane, Jr.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The first machine from Langley field circled over Washington at 11:11 a. m. and landed.

The second machine circled the White House, landing at 11:15 a. m. The big Caproni triplane, piloted by Lieutenant Silvio Resnati, the celebrated Italian military aviator, arrived at 11:40 and circled over the White House and the Washington monument before landing in Potomac park. Beside the pilot it carried nine passengers.

RELATIVES DISPUTE PIANO OWNERSHIP
A dispute between two women over the possession of a piano has resulted in Bertha Pease of this city bringing suit against Cora Pease Perry of Fairfield for \$500. The plaintiff claims to be the rightful owner of the piano but she says Mrs. Perry has taken possession of the instrument and refuses to give it up. It is alleged Mrs. Perry is playing selections on the piano for her own entertainment. The suit is returnable to the October term of the common pleas court.

Maj. Gen. Scott Retired; Will Be Recalled At Once
Washington, Sept. 22.—Major General Hugh L. Scott retired today as chief of staff of the army and was succeeded by Major General Tasker H. Bliss.

Gen. Scott, being 64 years old, had reached the age limit but will immediately be recalled to active duty in connection with the training of troops in this country.

General Alexiev resigned his post as chief of the general staff under Premier Kerensky.

FOOD PROGRAM TO BE PUSHED IN BRIDGEPORT

Hoover's Assistant Will Institute Campaign of Conservation.

SIGNS TO WARN CITY TO HELP IN SAVING

Elks Will Co-Operate With National Authorities in This City.

The program laid down by the U. S. food administrators' bureau at Washington will be vigorously pushed in Bridgeport next week and it is expected that the visit of Herbert C. Hoover's representative to this city will accomplish great results in the conservation of food resources.

M. E. Bradbury, Hoover's assistant, has spent two days here in the company of Postmaster Charles Greene, who assisted in the arrangement of the food saving campaign about to be instituted. Mammoth signs will be posted in the city and a personal canvas of household made by the members of various committees who will outline to housewives the conservation plans of the national bureau.

The D. M. Read Co. has agreed to pay for the making and posting of a sign which will be posted on the top of its store, Main street and Fairfield avenue. Another big sign will be erected on city hall green. One entire side of the post office building will be devoted to advertising the campaign. An educational bill poster will be erected by the Elks outside their property in State street.

Various bill posters service have been donated gratis and a number of electric signs advertising concerns have patriotically agreed to turn over several of their spaces for the use of the campaign committee. Each sign will bear a slogan and will be patterned according to the plans, ideas and patterns of the government.

The food committee of the Elks of which Col. T. J. Murphy and Exalted Ruler Peter F. Bellow are members, will devote their time with committee members next week to the successful launching of the campaign.

BIRNBAUMS WILL APPEAL FINDING OF CITY'S BOARD

To Protest Assessment of Benefits for Cannon St. Extension.

Charles and Isadore Birnbaum, who conduct a liquor store in Water street, have filed notice that they will appeal the decision of the board of appraisal of benefits and damages on the Cannon street extension.

The board assessed the Birnbaums \$3,228 benefits, which is far too little, according to the brothers.

RECEIVER ASKED FOR PLANT TIED UP IN LITIGATION

Assets of Elliott-Cornwall Mfg. Co., Said To Be In Danger of Waste.

On the ground that the concern has borrowed all the money it can and owes \$25,000, receivership proceedings have been asked for the Elliott-Cornwall Manufacturing Co. of this city. Judge Walsh of the common pleas court has appointed Jacob Nilson of the A. H. Nilson Machine Co. temporary receiver under bonds of \$50,000, according to papers filed today.

It is represented that the Elliott-Cornwall Co. manufactures metal goods and is capitalized at \$150,000. All its assets are tied up in machinery and raw materials and although the liabilities are in excess of the value of the assets they are in danger of waste through litigation.

Elliott owns 1,497 shares of the stock and the Nilson Co. is a creditor to the extent of \$25,000. The petition asks the court to appoint a receiver and dissolve the company but the temporary receiver has been given authority to continue the business for the present. There will be a hearing on the company's affairs Oct. 5 when two appraisers will be appointed.

Ernesto Paganini, the giant moving picture hero, known as "Maciste," was killed fighting for Italy. He starred in "Cabraria" and "The Warrior."

BRITISH CONVOY FLEET OF 6 SHIPS IS ANNIHILATED

Five Reported Sunk in Massed Submarine Attack.

TWO DESTROYERS SENT TO BOTTOM

Tale Told by Survivors of Other Submarined Vessels.

An Atlantic Port, Sept. 22.—Passengers who arrived from England on an American steamship brought circumstantial reports that five British steamships and two destroyers out of a convoy fleet of six, which left Lough Swilly, Ireland, Sept. 3, were sunk by German submarines, within a few hours of the port of departure.

The story was told, among others, by shipwrecked seamen, who were survivors of other submarined vessels, and by a merchant ship officer who had been in Lough Swilly.

The five vessels, it was said, conveyed by the destroyers, put to sea shortly after midnight, and they were attacked by massed submarines at daylight the following morning. The news of the disaster was learned when the destroyers which escaped put back to port bringing survivors of the torpedoed merchantmen and war vessels.

The closest secrecy was immediately thrown about the incident, the merchant ship officer said, "The survivors were given positive instructions to say nothing about it, and no details as to the names of the ships or the extent of loss of life could be learned. It was reported that one, and possibly two of the U boats were sunk by the destroyers."

Minnehaha Went Down In 4 Minutes

An Atlantic Port, Sept. 22.—The big Atlantic Transport line ship, Minnehaha, which was sunk by a German submarine Sept. 7, went down in four minutes after being torpedoed, according to Harry Clark, a veterinary surgeon who arrived here today on an American steamship from a British port. Mr. Clark said the sinking occurred in Bantry bay a few minutes after noon, according to information given to him by a number of the survivors immediately after landing.

Numerous tales of heroism on the part of the captain, Frank Claret, commander of the Minnehaha and other officers were related by the survivors. Mr. Clark said, Chief Officer Albany lost his life aiding members of the crew struggling in the water, after he had given his own lifebelt to a disabled fireman. C. A. Willis, the purser, was crushed to death between one of the lifeboats and the side of the ship as the boat was being launched.

RIFLE DENTIST'S CASE FOR METAL IN FALSE TEETH

Increasing Cost of Platinum Attracting Attention of Thieves.

Dr. J. Henry Fagan, left his dentist's display case in the entrance of the building where his offices are located in the Sturdevant building. A false tooth thief during the night broke the show case and took what gold and false teeth the doctor had placed on display.

It appears that false teeth plates are valuable and the business of trading in them is quite profitable. Each tooth is fastened to the rubber plate by means of a platinum pin. Platinum being much more valuable than gold and harder to obtain than ever today the business of gathering the platinum pins and selling the metal has become a most profitable one.

JOHN D. CARPENTER LEFT \$20,000 ESTATE

An inventory in the estate of the late John D. Carpenter was filed at the probate court today by George E. Curtis and E. S. Lovegrove. The appraisal was \$20,000.

Two pieces of real estate, money in the bank, stocks and \$500 Liberty bonds, and jewelry were included in the property.

Nothing in Text of Either German or Austrian Reply Which Can Possibly Affect America's Status in War, Officials Declare — Vatican Indicates Suppression of German Militarism and Permanent Disarmament of That Nation Is Only Means of Gaining Early Peace—London Press Infuriated at "Hypocritical" Tenor of Berlin and Vienna Replies.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The replies made by Germany and Austria to Pope Benedict's peace proposal contain nothing that will in any way alter the position of the United States as outlined in President Wilson's reply to the pope.

The replies as received in Associated Press despatches were closely studied today by all officials and diplomats here, who have indications that they were little less than had been expected.

British Hold New Lines in Ypres Sector

Bavarian Crown Prince at Great Sacrifice of Life, Makes Desperate But Unsuccessful Efforts to Regain Lost Ground East of Ypres—Battle Still Raging All Along the Flanders Front.

London, Sept. 22.—Troops of Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria continued last night to launch a heavy counter attack against the new British lines east of Ypres on the Belgian front. Field Marshal Haig, in his report today to the war office, says the Germans used considerable forces in their attacks without gaining any result except to heavily increase their losses.

The official statement says: "Hostile counter attacks continued yesterday evening on the Ypres front. Considerable German forces were engaged without any result being gained except a heavy increase in the enemy's losses."

"At dusk the enemy launched a powerful counter attack in a massed formation on a wide front east of St. Julien. At one point his troops succeeded in penetrating a short distance into our new positions but they were immediately and completely driven out by our local counter attack."

"At all other points West Lancashire and London troops repulsed the enemy's infantry with great loss. At the end of two hours of fierce fighting our line was intact. The attack was delivered with great determination and the enemy's losses were exceedingly severe."

"Early in the night, after the failure of his attack on the Tower Hamlets ridge during the afternoon, the enemy again attacked with strong forces on both sides of the Ypres-Menin road. Here also heavy fighting ended in the complete repulse of the enemy."

"During the evening a third hostile counter attack east of Langemarck was crushed by our artillery."

British Headquarters in France and Belgium, Sept. 22.—(By the Associated Press.) Fighting still is raging today in the neighborhood of Tower Hamlets, which has been the scene of almost continuous strife since the offensive of the British to the east of Ypres, on the Belgian front, began.

On the left the British line was reported to be intact, but no news of the situation on the right could be had this morning.

SIX MONTHS IN JAIL FOR THEFT OF ONE FLIVVER
Pair Is Caught by Owner Just As They Try to Start Machine.

Found guilty of the theft of a flivver from the parking space in Middle street, last night, Eugene T. Lennon, Hamilton street, and his companion, Thomas McGrath, of Walnut Beach, were each given six months in jail and fined \$1 and court costs by Judge Frank Wilder in the city court this morning.

It is alleged that both men boarded the machine of John H. Trepton, 285 William street, and were about to start off with the car when the appearance of the owner thwarted their plans. Lennon was caught after a chase and his companion, McGrath, who escaped, was arrested a few hours after the affair.

THE WEATHER.
Fair tonight and Sunday; little change in temperature; moderate north winds.

First examination of the replies, officials thought, failed to "disclose anything in the nature of terms which would afford a basis for discussion."

Secretary Lansing authorized no quotation of any opinion for the government, but it was clearly indicated at the state department that such consideration as had been given to the replies had failed to develop any resolution for any alteration of the aims of intentions of this government, either in the conduct of the war or in any peace adjustment that may be undertaken later.

LONDON FURIOUS AT TEUTON HYPOCRISY
London, Sept. 22.—The incomplete parts of the reply of Germany and Austria to Pope Benedict's peace plea, which arrived before press time, are given prominence by the morning newspapers. Owing to the intensity of their receipt, however, only two or three papers commented on them in the editorial columns. The tenor of the headlines, however, reflects the British attitude, one paper captioning the documents as "Hypocritical Claptrap from Berlin and Vienna."

CENTRAL POWERS EAGER FOR PEACE
Amsterdam, Sept. 22.—The German reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposal declares special measures taken by the government in closest contact with the representatives of the German people to discuss answering the question raised, prove how earnestly it desires to find a practical basis for a just and lasting peace.

The reply says that the imperial government greets with special sympathy the leading ideas in which the Holy See clearly expressed the conviction that the future material power of arms must be superseded by the moral power of right.

Continuing, the reply says that Germany fully recognizes with his Holiness the high peace producing effect of arbitration to decide international differences of opinion and in this respect Germany is ready to support every proposal compatible with the vital interests of the German empire and people.

Pope Benedict Advocates Suppression of German Militarism to End War

Rome, Sept. 22.—Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, last night emphasized to the Associated Press the views of the vatican regarding a solution of the war by the suppression of conscription and also a joint commercial boycott of any nation which refused to disarm. The occasion being the publication in the Italian, of Milan, of an article on the peace plan of the Holy See. It is evident from the article that the vatican aspires to suppress German militarism by securing a peace treaty requiring the permanent disarmament of that nation.

The Italian declared that the Holy See in its call for peace out of a feeling of delicacy towards the belligerent powers, would not indicate practical means by which to obtain and maintain disarmament, leaving the nations to decide the means; but Cardinal Gasparri said the Holy See is convinced that among all the plans suggested so far the only practical and possible one is the following:

"By an accord among the civilized nations, including neutrals, to suppress obligatory military service, to institute an arbitration tribunal and, as a guarantee, to direct a general boycott against nations which again attempt to introduce conscription or which refuse to submit international questions to arbitration or accept its decisions, a guarantee which Lord Robert Cecil (British parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs) has shown would have great benefits."

It was pointed out by the cardinal that the Holy See always had condemned the nefarious effects of conscription as a war breeder; that in its own domains it had refused to use compulsory military service, and that Napoleon had adopted this idea. Conscription, the papal secretary said, led to many wars, the governments always having ready at hand a fighting instrument.

It was further explained by the cardinal that the recent examples of Great Britain and the United States proved conclusively that voluntary military service really gave the necessary contingents for the maintenance of public order, but did not supply the monstrous armies needed for

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